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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action, dated December 1, 2003, which provides for a shortened statutory response period ending January 1, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.